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SUBJ: UGANDA RESCUE: EGYPTIAN FM FAHMY'S STATEMENT

EGYPTIAN MISSION CIRCULATED JULY 9 THE BELOW TEXT OF  
FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMY'S STATEMENT ON THE ENTEBBE  
AIRPORT RESCUE OPERATION:

QUOTE:

WHILE EGYPT HAS ALWAYS OPPOSED TERRORIST OPERATIONS AND  
THE HIJACKING OF PALNES, IT CONDEMNS THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT  
AGGRESSION AGAINST UGANDA, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT MADE  
IN CAIRO ON JULY 5, BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN  
MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMY.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT:

"THE ISRAELI MILITARY AGGRESSION ON UGANDA REFLECTED THE  
REAL TERRORIST NATURE OF THE ZIONIST STATE.

THE AGGRESSION, UNDERTAKEN BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND  
AMRED FORCES AGAINST UGANDA, ITS PEOPLE AND ITS TERRITORY,  
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COULD NOT BY ANY CRITERIA BE COMPARED WITH INDIVIDUAL

ACTIONS CARRIED OUT BY IRRESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

THIS IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION, PLANNED BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, TOOK PLACE AT A TIME WHEN NEGOTIATIONS WERE GOING ON WITH CERTAINTY THAT THEY WOULD LEAD TO SAVING THE HOSTAGES AS HAD HAPPENED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. ALTHOUGH THE P.L.O. LEADERS WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIJACKING OF THE FRENCH PLANE, THEY CONDEMNED IT, SHOWING READINESS AT THE SAME TIME TO SHARE IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES.

IT WAS FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT PRESIDENT SADAT PLACED A SPECIAL PLAN AT THE DISPOSAL OF HANY HASSAN, A P.L.O. LEADER, TO TAKE HIM TO KAMPALA.

THIS ILLUSTRATES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PALESTINIAN LEADERS AND ZIONIST OFFICIALS. WHILE EGYPT HAS ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST TERRORIST OPERATIONS AND THE HIJACKING OF PLANS WHICH ENDANGERED THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE, IT CONDEMNS THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENTAL AGGRESSION ON UGANDA, ITS PEOPLE AND ITS ARMED FORCES.

THE ISRAELI OPERATION WAS A TERRORIST DEMONSTRATION OF A THEATRICAL NATURE. DESPITE ITS NATURE, THIS OPERATION CONSTITUTED AN AGGRESSION DIRECTED AGAINST THE WHOLE OF AFRICA - PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS ALIKE, AND A FLAGRANT CHALLENGE TO ALL OF THEM PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS CARRIED OUT AT A TIME WHEN AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE WERE HOLDING A SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN MAURITIUS.

WE EXPECT THE AFRICAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO CONDEMN THIS TERRORIST OPERATION."

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